

Summary of Interview with (b)(6) on 20190521 ICO PFC Schroader

Hi, my name is (b)(6) and I'm the Investigating Officer for an incident involving PFC Schroader. Do you have a few minutes to speak?

Yes, sir.

Do you know the PFC Schroader?

Yes.

How do you know him?

He was in my MOS class in Fort Sill and afterward in Coronado

About how many guys were in that class

About 35 and then 5 got dropped and then 30 to Coronado?

Do you know what this investigation is about?

I don't sir.

Were you on any sort of snapchat groups with him?

No sir.

We were on a study group together at Fort Sill.

I wasn't in the groupchat.

...Sir, is this about some pictures? Another student showed me something about some pictures.

Who showed you?

(b)(6)

When did (b)(6) show you?

2-3 weeks ago.

What is this a picture of?

In the picture, it was a swastika, or something like that?

When?

I don't know.

Where was the picture taken?

I don't know if it was Fort Sill or Coronado?

Was PFC Schroader in the image?

I'm not sure. I don't know

Who is in the picture?

I don't know.

Do you know anyone that's ever made swastika or Nazi symbology with him, including yourself?

No sir. Nobody said anything about racism. No one ever brought anything up.

What unit are you with?

HQ Battery, 1/11 Camp Pendleton. In the FSCC

Have you had contact with anyone from the class since they came out here.

(b)(6) **Only one that I've seen out here.**

Does he [PFC Schroader] sympathize with Nazis?

No, he never brought it out to up to me. I'm Hispanic and he never said any racial slurs to me.

Are there other anti-semitic incidents that have occurred with this group of people? If so, was he involved in them?

I was never in the group chats, and our instructors wouldn't tolerate that. As far as our other students went, they never said anything to me.

Why did he post that?

I have no idea - it's the last thing I would have thought about him.

What else should I know about his character?

He seemed like an alright guy towards me. He didn't seem like he had any sort of problems. Seemed like a pretty good guy and didn't seem racist. He was a funny guy. He was a pretty cool guy to be around.

Did he ever do anything else to discredit the Marine Corps?

Not to my knowledge. He always cared about the Marine Corps. We were dropped together and he definitely came back stronger. I wouldn't see how he would disrespect the Marine Corps in any way. He was passionate about his job, so I don't know what got into his head to mess up his career in that way.

Ok, that's all my questions. I want to remind you that you are subject to naval authority and not authorized to discuss your statement with anyone. The convening authority for this is the Commanding General of Force Headquarters Group, MARFORRES. You can direct any questions to me, JAG, CG.